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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST DAY
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Representative Diane Mullins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following guests of the House of Representatives were recognized prior to the commencement of business:

Russ and Cindy McGurrin, guests of Representative Gross – 45th district.

Voices of Injustice, Project Lift, and the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, guests of Representative Brewer– 22nd district.

Michael Chopra, Marcus Lauber, and Danny Bruno, guests of Representative Brennan– 14th district.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced:

H. B. No. 151 - Representative Stephens.

To amend section 131.44 and to enact section 5501.62 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 755.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to codify it as section 5501.61 of the Revised Code to allocate a portion of any state revenue surplus to a program that funds certain road and bridge projects.

H. B. No. 152 - Representatives Williams, Upchurch.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Jarrells, Synenberg.

To amend section 1321.21 and to enact sections 1320.01, 1320.02, 1320.03, 1320.04, 1320.05, 1320.06, 1320.07, 1320.08, 1320.09, and 1320.10 of the Revised Code to regulate the provision of earned wage access services.

Said bills were considered the first time.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES AND BILLS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

Representative Rogers submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Natural Resources to which was referred **H. B. No. 64**-Representatives Thomas, D., Deeter, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

RE: REVISE AGE FOR DISCOUNTED HUNTING, FISHING
LICENSES AND PERMITS

DON JONES
ELGIN ROGERS, JR.
TEX FISCHER
ADAM HOLMES
LAUREN MCNALLY
JODI SALVO

MONICA ROBB BLASDEL
SEDRICK DENSON
MARK HINER
TY D. MATHEWS
TRISTAN RADER
HEIDI WORKMAN

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Russo reported for the Rules and Reference committee recommending that the following House Bills and Senate Bills be considered for the second time and referred to the following committees for consideration:

H. B. No. 135 - Representatives Upchurch and Lawson-Rowe
TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN RENTAL HOUSING BASED ON
LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME.

To the committee on Community Revitalization

H. B. No. 136 - Representatives Rader and Lett
TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL
ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, TO ADD
MEDIATION AS AN INFORMAL METHOD THAT THE OHIO CIVIL
RIGHTS COMMISSION MAY USE, AND TO UPHOLD EXISTING
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS UNDER OHIO'S CIVIL RIGHTS LAW.

To the committee on Judiciary

H. B. No. 137 - Representative Lorenz
TO AUTHORIZE A TAXING AUTHORITY TO DECLINE TO SUBMIT A
REQUESTED LIBRARY LEVY OR GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
LEVY TO VOTERS.

To the committee on Local Government

H. B. No. 138 - Representatives Dovilla and Santucci
TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF TOURISM PROMOTION
DISTRICTS AND THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS THEREIN.

To the committee on Arts, Athletics, and Tourism

H. B. No. 139 - Representative Hall, T.
TO REQUIRE SPECIFIED TESTING OF FIRE HYDRANT SYSTEMS.

To the committee on Local Government

H. B. No. 140 - Representatives McNally and Lett
TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUNDABLE THRIVING FAMILIES TAX

CREDIT FOR CERTAIN INCOME TAXPAYERS WITH DEPENDENTS WHO ARE MINOR CHILDREN.

To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 141 - Representatives Baker and Abrams
REGARDING PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTERS.
To the committee on Health

H. B. No. 142 - Representatives Dovilla and Fischer
TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE RATE PLANS FOR NATURAL GAS COMPANIES TO SERVE LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE PROCESS OF VALUATING NATURAL GAS COMPANY PROPERTY.
To the committee on Energy

H. B. No. 143 - Representatives Mathews, A. and Brennan
TO AUTHORIZE AN ENHANCED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM HOMEOWNERS.
To the committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 144 - Representatives Click and Lorenz
TO EXPAND THE COMMUNICATION DISABILITY DATABASE TO INCLUDE ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THAT DATABASE THROUGH COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 SYSTEMS, AND TO NAME THIS ACT "KEITH'S LAW".
To the committee on Community Revitalization

H. B. No. 145 - Representative Bird
REGARDING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS IN A SCHOOL YEAR.
To the committee on Education

H. B. No. 146 - Representative Lorenz
TO CHANGE THE CIVIL SERVICE STATUS OF CERTAIN POSITIONS IN A COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FROM CLASSIFIED TO UNCLASSIFIED.
To the committee on Local Government

H. B. No. 147 - Representative Lorenz
TO EXEMPT FROM SALES AND USE TAX BUILDING MATERIALS SOLD TO A CONTRACTOR UNDER A CONTRACT VALUED AT \$25 MILLION OR MORE FOR PROJECTS IN AREAS WITH A PORT AUTHORITY.
To the committee on Development

H. B. No. 148 - Representatives Ray and Grim
TO ESTABLISH AN INCOME TAX REFUND DESIGNATION TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS IN SPAYING AND NEUTERING THEIR

PETS.

To the committee on Agriculture

H. B. No. 149 - Representatives King and Miller, K.

TO LEVY A TRANSFER FEE ON MONEY TRANSMISSIONS, TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE TRANSFER FEES PAID, AND TO NAME THIS ACT OHIO'S WITHHOLDING ILLEGAL REVENUE ENTERING DRUG MARKETS (WIRED) ACT.

To the committee on Financial Institutions

Am. S. B. No. 17 - Senators Reynolds and Craig

TO DESIGNATE MARCH 9TH AS "6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION DAY."

To the committee on General Government

S. B. No. 20 - Senators Antonio and Manning

TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY AS "OHIO STROKE AWARENESS WEEK."

To the committee on Health

Sub. S. B. No. 56 - Senator Huffman

TO CONSOLIDATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM AND TO REVISE THE MEDICAL AND ADULT-USE MARIJUANA LAWS.

To the committee on Judiciary

MATT HUFFMAN
C. ALLISON RUSSO
MICHELE GRIM
MARILYN JOHN
JOSH WILLIAMS

GAYLE MANNING
ADAM C. BIRD
DANI ISAACSOHN
NICK SANTUCCI

Representative Manning moved that the Rules and Reference committee report on referrals be agreed to and that the House Bills and Senate Bills contained therein be considered for the second time and referred as recommended.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The report was agreed to.

Said House Bills and Senate Bills were considered the second time and referred as recommended.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Representative Russo reported for the Rules and Reference committee

recommending that the following House Concurrent Resolution and Senate Concurrent Resolution be introduced and referred to the following committees for consideration:

H. C. R. No. 8 - Representative Williams

TO URGE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE THE 2017 TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT PERMANENT AND PROTECT PROSPERITY.

To the committee on Government Oversight

S. C. R. No. 1 - Senator Johnson

TO URGE THE 119TH CONGRESS TO INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO THE STOP OUR SCOURGE ACT OF 2023, DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO DESIGNATE ILLICIT FENTANYL AS A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

To the committee on Community Revitalization

/s/ MATT HUFFMAN
Matt Huffman, Chair

Representative Manning moved that the Rules and Reference committee report on resolutions be agreed to and that the House Concurrent Resolution and Senate Concurrent Resolution contained therein be introduced and referred as recommended.

The motion was agreed to.

Said House Concurrent Resolution and Senate Concurrent Resolution were introduced and referred as recommended.

Representative Russo reported for the Rules and Reference committee recommending that the following resolution be read by title only and approved:

H. R. No. 37 - Representative Thomas, C.

Recognizing Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month in Ohio.

/s/ MATT HUFFMAN
Matt Huffman, Chair

Representative Manning moved that the Rules and Reference committee report on resolutions be agreed to and that the resolution contained therein be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

Representative McClain moved that majority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Wednesday, March 5, 2025, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the majority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

Representative Isaacsohn moved that minority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Wednesday, March 5, 2025, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the minority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

H. B. No. 13-Representative Pizzulli.

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Click, Fischer, Brennan, Bird, Russo, Klopfenstein, Stephens.

To enact section 5.267 of the Revised Code to designate November 5th as "Roy Rogers Day", was taken up for consideration the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 96, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

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| Abdullahi | Abrams | Baker | Barhorst |
| Bird | Brennan | Brent | Brewer |
| Brownlee | Callender | Claggett | Click |
| Cockley | Craig | Creech | Daniels |
| Dean | Deeter | Demetriou | Denson |
| Ferguson | Fischer | Fowler Arthur | Ghanbari |
| Glassburn | Grim | Gross | Hall, D. |
| Hall, T. | Hiner | Holmes | Hoops |
| Humphrey | Isaacsohn | John | Johnson |
| Jones | King | Kishman | Klopfenstein |
| Lampton | LaRe | Lawson-Rowe | Lear |
| Lett | Lorenz | Manning | Mathews, A. |
| Mathews, T. | McClain | McNally | Miller, J. |
| Miller, K. | Miller, M. | Mohamed | Mullins |
| Newman | Odioso | Oelslager | Peterson |
| Piccolantonio | Pizzulli | Plummer | Rader |
| Ray | Richardson | Ritter | Robb Blasdel |
| Robinson | Roemer | Rogers | Russo |
| Salvo | Santucci | Schmidt | Sigrist |
| Sims | Somani | Stephens | Stewart |
| Swearingen | Sweeney | Synenberg | Teska |
| Thomas, C. | Thomas, D. | Thomas, J. | Tims |
| Troy | Upchurch | White, A. | White, E. |
| Williams | Workman | Young | Huffman-96 |

The bill passed.

Representative Pizzulli moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Creech, Deeter, Denson, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, D., Jones, Lear, Manning, Mathews, A., Miller, J., Newman, Oelslager, Peterson, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Robinson, Sigrist, Sims, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Young."

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

The title as amended was agreed to.

H. B. No. 64-Representatives Thomas, D., Deeter.

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Lear, Lorenz, Stewart, Glassburn, Troy, Jones, Gross, Salvo, Miller, J., Williams, Miller, K., Dean, John, Hiner, Johnson, Sigrist, Kishman, Miller, M., Robb Blasdel, Klopfenstein, Fowler Arthur, Brennan, Fischer, Richardson, Mathews, T.

To amend sections 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.32, and 1533.321 of the Revised Code to allow Ohio residents who are 65 and up, instead of 66 and up, to qualify for discounted hunting and fishing licenses and permits, was taken up for consideration the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 96, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

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| Abdullahi | Abrams | Baker | Barhorst |
| Bird | Brennan | Brent | Brewer |
| Brownlee | Callender | Claggett | Click |
| Cockley | Craig | Creech | Daniels |
| Dean | Deeter | Demetriou | Denson |
| Ferguson | Fischer | Fowler Arthur | Ghanbari |
| Glassburn | Grim | Gross | Hall, D. |
| Hall, T. | Hiner | Holmes | Hoops |
| Humphrey | Isaacsohn | John | Johnson |
| Jones | King | Kishman | Klopfenstein |
| Lampton | LaRe | Lawson-Rowe | Lear |
| Lett | Lorenz | Manning | Mathews, A. |
| Mathews, T. | McClain | McNally | Miller, J. |
| Miller, K. | Miller, M. | Mohamed | Mullins |
| Newman | Odioso | Oelslager | Peterson |
| Piccolantonio | Pizzulli | Plummer | Rader |
| Ray | Richardson | Ritter | Robb Blasdel |
| Robinson | Roemer | Rogers | Russo |
| Salvo | Santucci | Schmidt | Sigrist |
| Sims | Somani | Stephens | Stewart |
| Swearingen | Sweeney | Synenberg | Teska |
| Thomas, C. | Thomas, D. | Thomas, J. | Tims |
| Troy | Upchurch | White, A. | White, E. |
| Williams | Workman | Young | Huffman-96 |

The bill passed.

Representative Thomas, D. moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Abrams, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Creech, Daniels, Demetriou, Denson, Ferguson, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, T., Hoops, King, Lampton, LaRe, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., McClain, McNally, Mohamed, Mullins, Newman, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sims, Sweeney, Synenberg, Teska, Thomas, C., White, A., White, E., Workman, Young."

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

The title as amended was agreed to.

On motion of Representative Manning, the House adjourned until Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.